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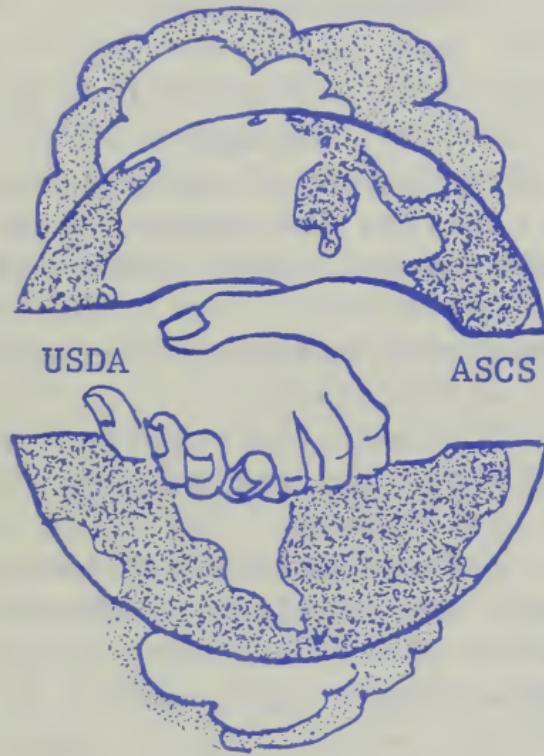
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FRANKLIN COUNTY

Louisburg, North Carolina 27549

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" HAND IN HAND

TO CONSERVE OUR LAND "

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION
AND CONSERVATION SERVICE

FORWARD

The Franklin County ASCS Office presents this annual report of its activities and accomplishments for 1976. This information gives a brief resume of the benefits every American receives either directly or indirectly from farm programs administered through ASCS. These programs provide the framework for a sound and balanced agricultural economy.

This report may be used as a good reference anytime you need information about farm programs administered in Franklin County.

ADMINISTRATION

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, administers various programs by means of farmer committees in the broad fields of production adjustment, soil, water, and forest conservation assistance, and price and market stabilization.

The State ASC Committee, comprised of five farmer members, is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture. The State Committee makes policy determinations at the State level and appoints a State Executive Director who is in charge of the day to day operations. Each year Franklin County farmers elect three farmers to serve as community committeemen in each of the ten ASC communities in the county. They elect three farmers to serve on the County Committee. The County Committee determines ASCS policy in the county. They appoint a County Executive Director to carry out the day to day operations. Counties in the state are divided into nine administrative districts. A District Director supervises county office operations in each of these districts.

The total gross expenditures of the County Committee for the 1976 fiscal year were \$143,984.36.

State ASC Committee

John R. Jones, Chairman

Robert L. Hill, Jr. Harry L. Robertson

Grady J. Hunter Dee B. Smith

State Executive Director

W. T. Reece

District Director

Max H. Cornwell

County ASC Committee

Bland J. Hill ----- Chairman

Bennie B. Williams ----- Vice-Chairman

Bennie R. Gupton ----- Member

Community ASC Committee

A-Cedar Rock

Steve Nelms

R. S. May

O. T. Fisher

B-Cypress Creek

J. L. Wood

George Murray

Thomas Gay

C-Dunn

O'Deyne Mullen

H. K. Baker

John Vollmer

D-Franklinton

R. W. Pace, Jr.

Larry Wilder

J. E. Wright

E-Goldmine

Henry Nelms

K. S. Gupton

Ridley Gupton

F-Harris

Horace W. Baker

J. B. Arnold

W. R. Richards, Jr.

G-Hayesville

Richard Ayscue

W. E. Aycock

Maynard Wilson

H-Louisburg

Wilbur Southall

Maynard Baker

Thomas Perdue

J-Sandy Creek

H. T. Edwards

J. C. Tharrington

O. F. Tharrington

K-Youngsville

Maryland Holmes

Raymond S. Keith

Stancil Woodlief

Office Personnel

John R. Davis-----County Executive Dir.

Dorothy W. Clay---Chief Program Assistant

Mildred Bobbitt-Counter Program Assistant

Diana B. Cannady-----Program Assistant

Ruby F. Abbott-----Program Assistant

Dahlia Duke-----Program Assistant

Jane J. Williams-----Program Assistant

Sue C. Tharrington-----Program Assistant

Willie J. Highsmith-----Custodian

Field Employee
Daniel L. Inscoe

Tobacco Marketing Recorders

Robert Allen & Christine E. Burnette

1976 ACP

The 1976 Agricultural Conservation Program provided cost-sharing for practices which resulted in maximum conservation benefits. Conservation measures also enhance the quality of the environment in rural areas, control agricultural related pollution, preserve and restore our natural wildlife population. Annual and long term agreements help solve current as well as long range conservation problems. Special emphasis are placed on forestry practices through ACP cost-sharing and the Forestry Incentive Program.

Federal cost-sharing assistance was offered for carrying out practices under the 1976 ACP not to exceed \$2500 per person. Under the 1976 Forestry Incentive Program cost-sharing assistance was offered at 60% of the actual cost not to exceed \$10,000 per person.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Assistance</u>
Permanent Pasture---	135 acres	\$ 5,122
Pasture Improvement-	593 acres	10,098
Water Impoundment		
Reservoirs -----	16 ponds	8,889
Sediment, Chemical		
Runoff Control		
Measures -----	11 farms	4,277
Application of Lime-	739 acres	8,692
Cover Crops -----	1580 acres	6,322
Forestry Practices (FIP)----	677 acres	38,318

CROPLAND ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

Seven farm operators diverted 150.1 acres of cropland to permanent cover in 1966 and 1967 under the CAP. The 1976 annual payment received by these producers amounted to \$11,825.97.

THE AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
ACT OF 1973

This Act established a four year program which embraced the "target price" concept. An escalator clause was included for 1976 and 1977 crops in order to adjust the target prices to reflect changes in the cost of production. 1976 prices were as follows: Corn \$1.57 per bushel, Wheat \$2.29 per bushel, Barley \$0.43 per bushel and Cotton .432 cents per pound.

The Act provided two types of direct payments for farmers: (1) deficiency payments, and (2) disaster payments. Deficiency payments are made when the average price received by farmers during the first five months of the marketing year falls below the target price established for a commodity. Disaster payments are made to feed grain, wheat and cotton producers to help offset crop losses due to natural disaster or to other causes beyond the farmers control.

Following is a summary of disaster program payments:

Feed Grain Summary

No. farms with allotments-----	2425
Total allotment (acres)-----	16,822.2
No. disaster payments-----	42
Amount of disaster payments----	\$11,809.79

Wheat Summary

No. farms with allotments-----	1554
Total allotment (acres)-----	7686.3
No. disaster payments-----	11
Amount of disaster payments----	\$3,644.20

Cotton Summary

No. farms with allotments-----	2178
County original allotment (acres)-----	6295.0
No. farms releasing acreage-----	2035
Acreage released-----	5915.8
Acreage planted-----	0

FLUE-CURED TOBACCO

Flue-cured tobacco is the number one cash crop in Franklin County. The acreage-poundage program has been in effect since 1965. Each year the Secretary makes an estimate of the amount of tobacco that will be utilized and exported during the year and adjusts quotas upward or downward by the amount needed to bring production in balance with demand. Under this program, if the marketings from a farm are less than the poundage quota for the farm, the difference is added to the farm's quota (both acres and pounds) for the following year.

Price support was carried out through loans made available to the Flue-cured Tobacco Stabilization Corporation. The average loan level for the 1976 crop of flue-cured tobacco was \$1.06 per pound.

Tobacco Summary

No. farms with allotments-----	2697
County basic allotment (acres)--	10,876.97
County effective allotment-----	11,982.28
County effective quota(pounds)-	21,442,377
Pounds marketed-----	22,171,732
Pounds overmarketed-----	729,355

Tobacco Lease and Transfer Program

The lease and transfer of tobacco poundage within the county continued in effect for 1976 and the growers were permitted to transfer poundage by lease through November 30.

A total of 1438 lease agreements were filed transferring 5,993,441 pounds between farms in the county.

Tobacco Warehouse Designation Program

The Tobacco Warehouse Designation Program was new for 1974. It was the tobacco farmers first opportunity to designate the warehouse(s) at which they would market their tobacco crops. To be eligible

for price support farmers had to visit the County ASCS Office prior to the beginning of the marketing season and select warehouse(s) within a 100 mile radius of Louisburg at which they agreed to market their crop. Those who failed to designate during the initial period were permitted to designate during the redesignation periods when farmers were allowed to change warehouses.

The purpose of the program was to allow more orderly marketing and reduce congestion at warehouses. A majority of the farmers expressed approval of the program.

Tobacco Referendum

Flue-cured tobacco producers voted in December to determine if marketing quotas would remain in effect for the years 1977 through 1979. Voting results in Franklin County:

For Quotas-----	2011
Against Quotas-----	42

COMPLIANCE

Compliance by certification was in effect for 1976 for farms planting cotton, non-quota tobacco and filing requests for disaster payments.

Staking and referencing service was offered in 1976. Producers requested measurement service for tobacco on 2 farms. Quality control checks were made on ACP, CAP, and feed grain disaster farms. These checks were made to determine the accuracy of farmer reports. Sixty farms reporting disaster on wheat and feed grains were checked as required.

Non-quota tobacco was measured on 4 farms. Estimates of production were made on 20 flue-cured tobacco farms. ACP practices were spotchecked on 22 farms and one discrepancy found.

FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM

The purpose of the Farm Storage & Facili-

ty Loan Program is to enable producers to obtain loans on grain bins and drying equipment. Loans may be made to cover 70% of the purchase and erection costs. Loans are for a 5 year period with 4 equal annual repayments. Variable interest rates of 9.375, 6.125, and 7.5 were applicable in 1976.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The County ASCS Office performs other duties assigned to it by the Secretary of Agriculture from time to time, such as surveys, reports, and emergency programs. We also try to keep committeemen and farmers informed properly on all phases of the programs administered by ASCS through newsletters, newspaper articles, radio programs, letters and personal contacts.

Meetings were held during the year with community committeemen, farmers, schools and civic groups.

In all our activities we strive to give the very best service possible to every person regardless of sex, race, color or creed.

CONCLUSION

The Franklin County ASCS Office is located in the Agricultural Building on East Nash Street in Louisburg along with the other Agricultural Agencies. We are very grateful to our county commissioners for providing good office space.

Our office is open each day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., except for legal holidays.

We are federal employees administering farm programs designed for the people of Franklin County. A cordial invitation to visit us is extended to all persons whenever our services are needed. You may wish to telephone us, if so, the number is Louisburg, #496-3121.

We hope you have enjoyed reviewing our annual report.